



# BROOKER CREEK WATERSHED PLEDGE

To take the Brooker Creek Watershed Pledge, discuss the activities listed below with your family and decide which changes you are willing to make, then fill out the pledge form below by checking the box next to the activities you chose with your family and signing your name in the space provided. Your family doesn't have to pledge to do everything on the list. Hang it where your family will see it everyday. It will remind you of the changes you want to make. You can also pledge online by visiting the Brooker Creek watershed Web site at [WWW.BROOKERCREEK.ORG](http://WWW.BROOKERCREEK.ORG).

## We pledge to:

### Keep runoff water clean

- Never dump toxic materials down drains or on the ground.
- Keep storm drains and ditches clean.
- Direct downspouts toward vegetated areas.
- Pick up after pets and dispose of the waste in the trash or toilet.

### Maintain septic systems

- Have septic systems inspected every 2 to 3 years and pump as needed.
- Watch for signs of septic tank failure.

### Reduce pollution from the lawn

- Not overwater the lawn.
- Revegetate bare spots in the lawn.
- Cut the grass higher.
- Use grass clippings as a natural fertilizer.
- Landscape with native ground cover and shrubs whenever possible.
- Attend a Florida-friendly landscaping workshop.

### Maintain the car

- Wash the car at a car wash or on gravel or grass with a phosphate-free soap.
- Maintain the car with regular tune-ups and check for fluid leaks.
- Dispose of used motor oil properly.
- Dispose of antifreeze properly.
- Use re-refined oil in the car.
- Use alternative transportation whenever possible.

### Volunteer to protect the Brooker Creek watershed

- Visit the Brooker Creek Preserve and Environmental Education Center.
- Volunteer to be a water monitor.
- Take part in a tree planting, stream cleanup, or exotic vegetation removal project.

For more information on the Brooker Creek watershed and what you can do to protect water, visit [www.brookercreek.org](http://www.brookercreek.org).

## We pledge to protect Brooker Creek:

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